

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: SITUATION AT KEREN

REF: KHARTOUM 0292

COMMENT BY FONMIN MAKKAWI CONCERNING SITUATION AT KEREN NEEDS AMPLIFICATION. IT IS TRUE THAT KEREN IS ISOLATED BY ROAD FROM ASMARA, BUT THIS SITUATION HAS PERSISTED FOR NUMBER OF MONTHS AND HAS NOT DETERIORATED RECENTLY. ROAD RESUPPLY TO KEREN CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USING STRONG MILITARY ESCORT TO PUNCH THROUGH A CONVOY. LAST ATTEMPT TOOK PLACE AT END OF NOVEMBER 1976, WHEN 100-TRUCK PLUS CONVOY WAS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE DETERMINED INSURGENT EFFORT TO BLOCK IT (76 ASMARA 0985 NOTAL). LOCAL AIR PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC MOVES ALMOST DAILY BETWEEN ASMARA AND KEREN. CONGEN CONTACTS IN KEREN REPORT HOWEVER THAT FOR ALMOST WEEK NOW GARRISON HAS NOT FLOWN THE ETHIOPIAN FLAG. THIS IS SIGNAL USED IN RECENT MONTHS BY TROOPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ERITREA, INCLUDING ASMARA, WHO ARE SOMEWHAT DISENCHANTED WITH

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THEIR LOT. WE HAVE SEEN OR HEARD OF FLAGS AT HALF-MAST, NO FLAGS, AND WHITE FLAGS ALL USED VARIOUSLY AT DIFFERENT MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS TO SHOW VISIBLY THEIR DISCONTENT.

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